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Loan Rates

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
WHEAT	\$2.87	\$2.85
CORN	\$1.86	\$1.93
SOYBEANS	\$4.91	\$4.92
OATS	\$1.34	\$1.38
GR SORGHUM	\$3.31	\$3.30
SUNFLOWERS	\$9.14	\$8.91

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BROWN COUNTY FSA FARMLINE

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2006

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE **✓ELECTION✓**

Van Koelliker was elected to a three year term to the Brown FSA County Committee as a result of the December 8, 2005 election for County FSA Committee.

FSA Committees are responsible for local administration of FSA farm programs, under the guidance of the State FSA Committee and applicable Federal laws and regulations. The Brown County FSA Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30 A.M.

FSA COUNTY COMMITTEE **ADVISOR**

The Kansas State FSA Committee has reappointed Evelyn Lierz as the county committee advisor for Brown County effective March 1, 2006. Evelyn will serve a one year term.

Advisors to the COC system provide an invaluable service to the committee by providing important insight to specific problems facing under-represented groups, as well as valuable outreach information. COC advisors do not vote, but voting privileges do not preclude valuable advice, insight, and perspective being shared with the committee before decisions and determinations are made.

DCP – DIRECT AND **COUNTER-CYCLICAL** **PROGRAM SIGNUP**

Signup is underway for the DCP 2006 program year. The final date to sign into the DCP program is June 1, 2006.

Advance direct payment of 40% (effective 02/09/2006) can be requested any month through September 2006. The final direct payment will be made in October 2006. Advance counter-cyclical (CC) payments may also be requested.

Appointments are being scheduled for the DCP signup. Please call for an appointment time.



Acreage Reporting Deadline

Reporting of crop acreage is required on farms that are enrolled in DCP, have acreage enrolled in CRP, NAP crops, fruits and vegetables, or produce crops (including wool and unshorn pelts) for which a loan or loan deficiency payment (LDP) may be requested. Reporting deadlines are: May 31, 2006 – wheat, oats, and barley; August 1, 2006 – CRP, corn sorghum, soybeans, and sunflowers.

2007 CRP Re-Enrollments **and Extensions (REX)**

USDA has announced the opportunity for re-enrollment and extensions for CRP participants that have CRP contracts expiring from 2007 through 2010. Participants with CRP contracts expiring 09/30/2007 must notify the county FSA office by April 14, 2006 of their intention to re-enroll or extend their contracts. Determinations about whether participants are offered re-enrollments or extensions were based on the environmental criteria (without cost) of the environmental benefit index (EBI) scored used to rank offers at the time of enrollment. Participants that choose to accept these offers must meet contract compliance requirements on the expiring CRP contract. Producers that choose to accept the offer are required to have a compliance review of the existing CRP contract. The fee to complete this review must be paid at the Farm Service Agency by April 14, 2006. Policy and procedure for 2008-2010 will be issued at a later date.

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA Office as soon as possible after the change occurs. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits.

2005 Commodity Loans

Nine month nonrecourse loans are available for warehouse and farm stored grain. The loan can be repaid at the PCP (Posted County Price) or principal plus interest. The deadline to request a 2005 crop wheat, oats or barley loan or LDP is March 31. The deadline to request a 2005 crop corn, grain sorghum, soybean and sunflower loan or LDP is May 31. Producers need to monitor farm stored grain to ensure the quality of the commodity is not jeopardized.

LOCK-IN Rate (CCC-697) – Once a CCC loan is issued, producers have the option to lock-in the daily PCP as the amount for repayment. This lock-in rate is effective through the earlier of 14 calendar days before the loan maturity date, or 60 days from the date of approval of the rate. A producer may repay the loan any time during the 60 days at the locked-in rate. At the end of 60 days or 14 days prior to loan maturity, the producer may repay the loan at the current PCP. A producer has a *one-time* opportunity to “lock-in” a rate for 60 days. *Only one initial 60 day lock-in rate is allowed on the same bushels.*

Marketing Authorizations (CCC-681-1) – Producers may request that a commodity pledged as collateral for a CCC farm stored loan be released for delivery to a buyer before repayment of the loan. The entire loan quantity will be released and the delivery period is normally for 15 or 30 calendar days. At the time of the request, the producer must inform the office where the grain will be delivered. The repayment of the loan purchased by the buyer must be received from the buyer; otherwise, the buyer is violating the clear title provisions.

Production evidence is always required when using a CCC-681-1 or repaying a loan at the PCP.

CCC-633 EZ

Don't forget that the Farm Service Agency rolled out a new, streamlined process for requesting loan deficiency payments last August. The CCC-633 EZ is a combination of the original CCC-633 and the old, and now abandoned, CCC-709.

By signing the first page of the EZ form, producers indicate their intentions to receive LDP benefits. This one page covers all counties and all eligible harvested commodities for the entire crop year for the individual, joint operation or entity identified on the form.

One thing that hasn't changed is the requirement that the form must be signed

before beneficial interest in the crop is lost. Once page 1 of the EZ form has been signed, the producer can submit an LDP request by completing page 2 at any time during the loan availability period — before or after losing beneficial interest.

Beginning with the 2006 crop year, CCC-633 EZ and eLDP online requests will be the only methods available to request LDPs.

Grain growers have used the CCC-633 EZ since last August. After completing page one, grain growers were required to complete page two when they wanted to apply for an LDP.

The CCC 633 EZ is now being revised to accommodate requests for LDPs for wool, mohair and unshorn pelts. Page four of the revised EZ form will be specifically for wool and mohair producers to request an LDP.

Until the revised EZ form is available the county office staff will accept requests for wool and mohair LDPs on CCC-633 EZ, page two, as long as page one was previously submitted.

When the revised CCC-633 EZ is issued, it and the eLDP online request will be the only methods available to request and obtain LDPs.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 31 Final Loan/LDP availability date for 2005 wheat, oats, and barley
- April 14 Final date for producers to notify county office of intention to reenroll or extend (REX) and pay compliance review fee
- May 29 MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
- May 31 Final Loan/LDP availability date for 2005 corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, and sunflowers
- May 31 Acreage Reporting Deadline for wheat, oats, and barley
- June 1 Final date to enroll in 2006 Direct Counter-Cyclical Program

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